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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 31, 2011, Applicants respectfully submit the following response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request an in-person interview with Examiner Page.

The Commissioner is kindly authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-5062 any fees due with this filing, including any extensions of time fees and the RCE fee.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.